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Letter dated 20 January 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey the attached communication, dated 29 December 2005, which I received from the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex

Letter dated 29 December 2005 from the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing further to the recent meeting of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council, to inform you that Dr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling of the Federal Republic of Germany has been chosen to succeed me as High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The transfer between Dr. Schwarz-Schilling and myself will take place on 31 January 2006.

Dr. Schwarz-Schilling's knowledge of Bosnia and Herzegovina is considerable. As you will recall, he served as the International Mediator here for 10 years, was a member of the German Parliament for 26 years and of the German Government for 10 years.

I am informed that this information should be passed on to the Security Council for their consideration and possible agreement.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you personally for the support and assistance you have given to me since I took up this position in May 2002.

(*Signed*) Paddy **Ashdown**